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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer, DD/S&T

SUBJECT: Attached Cable Traffic

1. The attached cables from NRO are addressed to SSD for action and to CIA for information. [ ] directs General Greer to develop "a plan for program support and procurement rates for satellite boosters, payloads, agencies, peculiarities and recovery buckets." Then in [ ] DNRO in very specific terms, assigned "overall responsibility" for compliance with [ ] to General Greer.

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2. It is the consensus of feeling among OSA principals, i. e., Colonel Ledford and John Parangosky, that these messages should dispel any remaining doubt concerning the NRO interpretation of CIA's role in the Satellite projects. In effect, it is left to General Greer's discretion in what manner CIA will participate. I believe we have all had adequate evidence of General Greer's intention that CIA shall participate as a support element, becoming involved only as contracting and security officers. As can be seen in these cables, there is no longer even lip service paid to the concept that CIA shall have a meaningful role in the payload business.

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Executive Officer, OSA

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#4-EO\O2V As stated  
#3-D\LECH\O2V  
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